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Willowbank Primary Year 5 on a trip to the Manurewa Marae

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I couldn't believe it, it was finally time to go.

Oh, you want to know where I went and what I did there? Okay, let me tell you.

I packed my all my stuff/things and raced to my mums car to get to school .

When I got to my

classroom I saw hundreds of bags. I dropped my bag, PLOP.I went inside and heard lot's of people shouting. Oh oops I forgot to tell you, my name Reece Michael Abel.

Later on in the day, (once we got off the bus) I arrived at the Ma-

rae, where we were greeted by Matoitoi.

We had our mourning tea, then put our bags and other stuff in the Marae. After that we went outside to play. We played ,cricket, tennis, hand ball and soccer



KIAORA

Kia'ora can mean hello or goodbye or even well done

Activity Time

After that we went inside to do some activities. The first thing I did was string games I learned how to do the hand trap, cats cradle and, well that's about it, oh, and the 2 different Eiffel towers, whiskers and bun-

ny ears/pants. The next activity I did was flax weaving. What we do is 3 easy steps then the next steps just keep getting repeated. The next activity I did was cooking! I baked bread mine in the

shape of a smiley face. But I got someone else's bread, at least it was also in the shape of a smiley face.

After that activity I had lunch.



More Activities

At lunch time I played Tennis with my friend Xavier. We had amazing Matches but because we were both so good at this amazing game, unfortunately nobody won

Afternoon activities included "stained glass windows" using black paper and cellophane to create an amazing art product.

Next, each class went to somewhere in the Marae to write in our inquiry books



The Show must go on...

In the show seven people performed a few songs. The male voices were low pitched and the ladies sang beautifully and danced gracefully. One of the songs was quite embarrassing ...it was a love song. ☹

One of the ladies performed a special dance which started with 2 poi and ended with 4 poi. This was fantastico.

Guess what the last song was?...Our Haka. It was awesome!!

We had a chance after the show to practice some of these activities. I was in the group that played the stick games.

I had to leave early because I didn't stay overnight at the Marae. This meant that I couldn't I didn't get a chance to play the stick game.



KIA KAHAKA

Stay Strong



Day 2 at the Marae

When I got to the Marae on the second day I played cricket with David and Zaid. When David was batting he hit the ball so hard that it went flying up and got stuck between 2 pieces of wood. We tried so hard but nobody could get it down. Then we finally found a parent, Eeven's dad got it down for

us with a tennis racket. As soon as we got our ball back we continued to play. After a little while we had to go back inside to have our morning tea. We had some burgers and I finished my whole burger.

We went back outside to continue with the fun time.

Cleaning Up Time and Goodbyes

I helped to clean up in the kitchen with most of the girls...urrgghh.

When I finally got out I played some more. The reason we had to go outside to play was because the teachers and parent helpers were inside cleaning the Marae. When all the cleaning was over Mis JB called us to come down to sit down to take a quick

picture of our class. We packed our stuff on the bus and left the Marae to return to school.